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Humphrey Honors 6 For Service

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Six high ranking civil servants were presented with the President's Award for Distinguished Federal Civilian Service by Vice President Hubert H. Humphrey at the State Department yesterday.

The six are: Myrl E. Alexander, director of the Federal Bureau of Prisons; Arthur E. Hess, Deputy Commissioner of the Social Security Administration; Sherman Kent, Director of National Estimates and Chairman of the Board of National Estimates, Central Intelligence Agency; C. Payne Lucas, Deputy Director, Africa Region of the Peace Corps; William J. Porter, Ambassador to South Korea; and Carl F. Romney, seismologist with the Department of the Air Force.

The Award is described as the highest honor for extraordinary achievement in the Federal career service.

A citation by President Johnson said, "These six remarkable men are modern pioneers," and described them as "people with the energy and initiative to break through the long accepted boundaries of action."

The Vice President presented plaques to each of the award winners and pinned a gold medal, suspended from a blue and white ribbon, about the neck of each.

Humphrey commended Alexander for work in crime prevention; Hess for making Medicare operate; Kent for providing invaluable tools for the intelligence community; Lucas for inspiring leadership; Porter for fulfilling "so many difficult assignments," and Romney for "brilliant contributions" to the seismology that aided test ban treaty development.